

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) A method of making a woven or knitted fabric having corresponding color contrast and surface geometry contrast between first regions and second regions in the fabric, said method comprising:

- (a) providing a fabric, said fabric having yarns forming a pile, said first pile having a first pile height, said fabric having first regions and second regions;
- (b) providing dye in an unfixed state into said yarns of said fabric;
- (c) etching said fabric upon said pile in a predetermined pattern by applying to said pile of said second regions a yarn-degrading composition, said yarn-degrading composition being effective to degrade yarns in said second regions, thereby forming in said second regions yarns having a second pile height;
- (d) fixing said dye in said first and second regions;
- (e) forming a fabric having first regions of a first pile height and second regions of a second pile height, said second pile height being less than said first pile height; and
- (f) generating a substantial color contrast which provides a predetermined positive ΔL^* value differential between said first regions and said second regions.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said color contrast ΔL^* value is at least about 25 percent.

16. (Original) A method of making a fabric by chemically etching fibers of the fabric, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a fabric having a first side, said first side having a pile, said pile comprising a plurality of yarns having a first height, said plurality of yarns forming a first plane in said fabric;
- (b) applying to said first side of said fabric a solution containing an unfixed dye;
- (c) applying a mask to said first side of said fabric;
- (d) selectively covering with said mask predetermined portions of said fabric, said covered portions of said fabric comprising first regions, said uncovered

- portions of said fabric comprising second regions; wherein said first regions further comprise first yarns having unfixed dye applied thereon, said second regions further comprising second yarns having unfixed dye applied thereon;
- (e) applying a chemical etching agent to said second regions of said fabric,
- (f) chemically reacting said etching agent said second yarns of said second regions, thereby shortening by chemical degradation at least a portion of said second yarns in said second regions to a second height which is less than said first height;
- (g) removing unfixed dye in said second yarns of said second regions of said fabric;
- (h) heating said fabric to fix said unfixed dye in said first and second regions of said fabric; and
- (i) thereby forming a fabric having second regions which exhibit a different pile height and a different color intensity as compared to said first regions.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising the following steps:
- (j) providing in said fabric a third region;
- (k) applying a mask to said first side of said fabric to expose only said third region;
- (l) applying unfixed dye to said third region;
- (m) applying a chemical etching agent to said third region, thereby chemically etching said third region;
- (n) heating said fabric to fix said unfixed dye in said third region; and
- (o) thereby forming a fabric having third regions which exhibit a different pile height and a different color intensity as compared to said first and second regions.
18. (Original) A screen printed textile comprising:
- (a) a first region, said first region having a pile of first yarns, said first yarns providing a pile having a first height, said first region further providing a first color shade; and

- (b) an eroded second region, said eroded second region comprising a pile of second yarns having a second height, said second yarns being degradable by a chemical etching composition, said second height being less than said first height, said eroded second region providing a second color shade;
- (c) an eroded third region, said eroded third region comprising a pile of third yarns having a third height, said third yarns being degradable by a chemical etching composition, said third height being less in value than the respective height of said first and second regions;
- (d) wherein said first color shade and said second color shade differ in L^* value;
and
- (e) wherein said second color shade and said third color shade differ in L^* value.